

PATROL NEWS

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Superintendent's Message

Colonel J. Bret Johnson



I am honored to be writing this column as superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. To represent and lead this organization is a responsibility I am proud and humbled to accept. I would like to acknowledge Colonel Ron Replogle's years of service and thank him. In this issue, you'll read about his retirement reception and distinguished career. On behalf of the agency, I extend our deepest appreciation and wish Ron a relaxing, lengthy retirement!

There have been a number of changes in the Patrol's Command Staff. Please allow me to introduce the current staff to you:

Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, assistant superintendent
Major Kemp A. Shoun, Executive Services Bureau commander
Major Gregory K. Smith, Field Operations Bureau commander
Major Luke Vislay, Criminal Investigative Bureau commander
Major Sarah L. Eberhard, Technical Services Bureau commander
Major Gregory D. Kindle, Support Services Bureau commander
Major Malik A. Henderson, Administrative Services Bureau commander

Each member of the staff brings with them years of experience and dedication to this organization. I am pleased to have them on staff and look forward to working closely with them. I know the Patrol's employees are our greatest asset and I appreciate the work they do. Every day, Patrol employees are serving and protecting the public. It's not always easy. But, I trust that each of you will join me in turning challenges into opportunities, in exemplifying our core values each and every day.

We will maintain our strategic plan, which is based on our primary mission and core values. I consider every employee a stakeholder in this organization. Thus, I plan to visit the troops and seek feedback from those who are tasked with our line functions—those who answer the phone, examine evidence, administer a driver examination, analyze fingerprints, inspect a vehicle, work the road, etc., to find ways to improve. I expect the Patrol will have to find ways to become even more efficient with the decline in highway fund revenues. Working together, we can meet this challenge.

I ask that you continue to help the Patrol recruit strong candidates in all positions. In recent months, we have adjusted our minority recruiting to include developing those relationships at a younger age. Seeking minority high school students for our School Alliance Program is one example.

Again, I am honored to represent you and I thank each and every employee for their service.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bret Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bret" on the top line and the last name "Johnson" on the bottom line.

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Troop H Range Rejuvenated

By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

In April, the Troop H firing range received a major face lift. The troop's range is a four-lane system now boasting a new control system. A range master will run the controls from a separate room behind glass, but a shooter also has the ability to control their individual lane. The range master also has the option to control the range remotely with a tablet while being in the same room as the shooters. The new range includes four new shooting stalls, a new target delivery system, and new bullet trap. The new trap is composed of small chunks of rubber that are piled on top of a metal stair step system to help hold them in place. The rounds travel down range and are absorbed and stopped by the rubber chunks. According to the range installers, bullets will only penetrate 12 inches into the rubber. The old Troop H firing range was installed in 1977, and has definitely outlived its lifespan. This new range system will be more efficient and provide Troop H with years of service.

Troop H Range Instructor/Sergeant Chris W. Wilson stated, "It was time for a new range here at Troop H. The old system was requiring more and more work every time it was utilized. I am happy to report that I will only get to use the new range a handful of times before I retire."



Improvements to the Troop H's firing range included four new shooting stalls.

Cover

The 22nd superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Colonel J. Bret Johnson sits at his desk at General Headquarters.

Thirteen Inspectors Graduate, Join Patrol Family

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Thirteen was a lucky number for the members of the 8th Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector Class on Friday, March 13, 2015. That rainy, gray day was actually quite bright for this group as they graduated from training.

Captain David E. Earney, Q/CVED, welcomed the class, their families, and guests assembled in the conference room at Troop F Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO. CVE Inspector Brian D. Kelm provided the invocation and benediction, and CVE Inspector Jason P. Owens led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Capt. Earney then introduced Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol, who addressed the class. Col. Replogle greeted everyone and then spoke directly to the graduates, "You have completed a very tough 10 weeks of training. It's one of the toughest schools at our Academy. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts.

There is a lot of time and stress involved in completing this training. Pat yourself on the back. It took a lot of sacrifice to be here."

The colonel recognized the spouses attending the ceremony and thanked them for taking care of the home while the inspectors were training. He then said to the graduating class, "You've joined an agency I'm proud to have been a part of these past 31 years. There has never been a day I dreaded coming to work. The job you do is very important out there. It makes our roadways safer. From 2005 to the present there has been a 43 percent reduction in commercial motor vehicle fatal crashes across the state. This is a credit to our organization and certainly a credit to our CVE Division. You have a very important job. Everything you do out there is important for the safety of the citizens of this state."



Captain David E. Earney served as master of ceremonies during the graduation ceremony.

Col. Replogle ended his remarks with the poem entitled, "Attitude" by Charles Swindoll, which ends with the thought, "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

"Attitude is very important," said Col. Replogle, "It affects the rest of our life. I would ask that you remember that when you do the job out there. Always remember to treat people with respect regardless of the circumstances. If you will treat people the way you would like to be treated in that circumstance you will have very few problems as you work for this organization."

He closed his remarks by again thanking the spouses present before telling the class, "Again, I want to thank you for the job you're going to do for this organization."

Capt. Earney also congratulated the class and acknowledged the difficulty of the training they had completed. He encouraged them to remember three mottos he has lived by throughout his career. "Treat others the way you want to be treated. When you're in doubt – don't! And, we are ladies and



The 8th CVE Inspector Class celebrates their graduation with a picture including CVE Division staff. Pictured are (l to r, seated) Chief CVO Jeff R. Sims, Capt. David E. Earney, Lt. Kevin Kelley, and CVO Sprv. I Eric Cornman; (l to r, first row standing) CVE Inspectors Brian D. Kelm, Wayne D. Beggs, Ashlie M. Close, Michael C. Tallman, Vincent L. McWilliams, Matthew W. Herring, and Howard W. Johnson; (l to r, back row) Michael R. Howe, Jason P. Owens, Randall B. Lyon, Brian J. Hulsey, Rodney G. Drake, and Allison R. Tufuga.

— Graduate

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gentlemen who enforce the law. Congratulations and good luck. If you ever need anything from the CVE Division please call us."

Col. Reogle presented certificates to each of the 13 graduates along with a Patrol challenge coin.

New CVE Inspectors Michael R. Howe and Jason Owens took time to talk about their decision to join the Patrol and their training. Inspector Howe came to the Patrol after working for 33 years in a production setting. He was ready for a new direction and felt public service would be a good fit as a second career. Inspector Owens chose the CVE inspector training because he'd always wanted to work for the Highway Patrol, and thought this was a great introduction to the law enforcement community.

Both were surprised by the amount of information they needed to learn and how quickly they were expected to learn it. Although he'd attended a police academy, Inspector Owens said he knew nothing about commercial vehicles or inspecting them.

"The only experience I've had with commercial vehicles is when I was growing up I was around them in logging and sawmill operations where I learned to work on them," said Inspector Howe. "The hardest part for me was just getting into a learning mode after not having been in school for 30 years."

"The instructors were awesome," said Inspector Owens. "They had no problems staying late or after class to make sure we all knew the information."

Inspector Howe agreed, "I was really impressed with the instructors. It is amazing how knowledgeable they are and how much they truly want their students to succeed."

Both said their classmates were easy to get along with and were glad to have met them.

"We had a diverse class," said Inspector Owens, "from 21 years of age to 67 years of age. But, we all came to be good friends by the end."

"The MSHP does a great job of selecting fine, upstanding people to become part of their family," said Inspector Howe.

Congratulations to the 8th CVE Inspector Class and welcome to the Patrol family!



CVE Inspector Ashlie M. Close happily accepts her graduation certificates from Colonel Ron Reogle.

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Ezra Charles

Criminalist III Alex A. & Mrs. Kender D. Belt
Q/CLD

Kourtney Grace

Tpr. Bryan H. & Mrs. Kim A. Salmons
Troop F

Luke Allen

Tpr. Shawn A. & Mrs. Jacque G. Brazas
Troop F

Lydia Annella

Cpl. Elan B. & Mrs. Christine A. Adams
Troop D

Kolby Claire

Tpr. Daniel L. & Mrs. Cassie L. Smith
Troop A

Elijah Arthur

Mr. Jon A. & Tpr. Stephanie R. Eaton
Troop A

Avery Ray

Tpr. Eric L. & Mrs. Ashley R. Mueller
Troop D

Ryker Lee

CIT III Ryan L. & Personnel Records Clerk II H. Kate Boeckman
Q/ICTD & Q/HRD

Kinsley Renee

CVE Inspector II Vince P. & Mrs. Rebecca A. Wiley
Troop A

Lane Michael

Cpl. Jason M. & Mrs. Nena S. Cross
Troop H

Oaklyn Kai

Tpr. J. Patrick & Mrs. Brittany P. Johnson
Troop B

Troop B Hosts 5th Student Alliance Program

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On March 21, 2015, 26 Troop B area high school students representing 14 high schools completed the 2015 Troop B Missouri State Highway Patrol Student Alliance Program. The program was conducted at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon, MO, on Saturday, March 14, 2015, and Saturday, March 21, 2015. During the two-day program, students were familiarized with many duties performed by a Missouri state trooper, and participated in hands-on activities such as firing a Glock pistol, stop and approach, and crime scene investigations. The students also observed a canine demonstration. The program, which targeted junior and seniors in high school, was conducted to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about law enforcement and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Each participant was presented a certificate of completion and a Missouri State Highway Patrol T-shirt. This was the fifth such program conducted at the Troop B Headquarters since 2011.

Students attending the program were: Hailey Babcock, of Shelbina, MO; Shelbe Butner, of Macon, MO; Katlyn Kent, of Hurdland, MO; Thomas England, of Edina, MO; Parker Peterson, of Kirksville, MO; Bryson Ames, of Bethel, MO; Jared Wilt, of



Troop B's Student Alliance Program participants are pictured. The program took place on two Saturdays in March 2015.

Shelbina; Jace Glover, of Macon; Eze-
kiel Schieferdecker, of Hurdland, MO;
Grace Fortner, of Keytesville, MO;
Savannah Moore, of Kirksville; Dylan
Ferrara, of Lewistown, MO; Shawnee
Noland, of Unionville, MO; Brandon
Preston, of Edina; Cole Collins, of
Lentner, MO; Sidney Wear, of Shel-
bina; Lauren Houston, of Kirksville;

Erin McConnell, of Kirksville; Alexander
Tubbergen-Maglio, of Kirksville;
Ashley Hurry, of Unionville; Luke An-
derson, of Hannibal, MO; Walter Reed
Jr., of Macon; Jessica Porter, of Queen
City, MO; Tyler Bugg, of Sedalia, MO;
Kristopher Ruddell, of New London,
MO; and Amy Dennis, of Moberly,
MO.

How Others See Us

Dear Lt. Colonel [Sandy K.J. Karsten],

I would like to give a formal "at-a-boy" to [Troop D] Trooper K. [Kelsey J.] Rutledge (badge #205). It may seem strange to receive a note such as this after being stopped for speeding. We were on the way to my mother-in-law's home when my husband was stopped for speeding. Tpr. Rutledge was professional and courteous. He explained the ticket and what we needed to do to pay the fine. If one has to get a speeding ticket, it is nice to have someone who respects the fact that even careful drivers can sometimes make mistakes. Being a law enforcement officer today is harder than ever. My husband and I appreciate Tpr. Rutledge's courage to wear the uniform and protect the public. Please let him know he matters to the Adams' and we will not forget his kindness.

Jim & Carol Adams
Nixa, MO

June

June 12

● Tpr. W.R.

Brandt died in
1970.

June 13

● Tpr. D.H.

Marriott died
in 1981.

June 14

● Sgt. B.O.

Booth died in
1933.

DPS Honors Sgt. Philip Hoffman

By Sgt. Timothy J. Hourihan, Q/GD
Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The primary focus of troopers assigned to the Gaming Division is enforcement of gaming rules and regulations, and criminal investigations at Missouri casino locations. Sergeant Philip D. Hoffman, Q/GD, was traveling to his duty assignment in an unmarked patrol vehicle when a vehicle's excessive speed gained his attention. He recognized the seriousness of the situation and the potential for a catastrophic crash if the vehicle was not stopped. Through his own initiative, Sgt. Hoffman exhibited the awareness and judgment to identify the vehicle, follow from a safe distance, notify additional police resources, and conduct the traffic stop in the safest location possible. Although unknown to Sgt. Hoffman at the time of the traffic stop, the driver of the vehicle was wanted for homicide, armed robbery, and car-jacking in an out-of-state jurisdiction. The driver had a loaded 9mm pistol under the front driver's seat of the stolen vehicle he was driving. A conversation with the driver on the side of the road led to him confessing that, "I killed my daddy and stole that car." Due to Sgt. Hoffman's initiative and actions, the subject was safely taken into custody and a violent felon was removed from Missouri highways and communities.

His actions undoubtedly saved lives and prevented a violent felon from committing additional crimes. To recognize him for his awareness, tenacity, and patience in removing this threat from the roadway, the Department of Public Safety named Sgt. Hoffman its March 2015 Employee of the Month. Acting Director Peter Lyskowski presented the award in a ceremony on March 23.

Acting Director Lyskowski commended Sgt. Hoffman and noted that serving in law enforcement requires dedication and valor. "It was remarkable what you did ... what you do every day," he said.



Colonel Ron Repleglo shows those present the traveling plaque that now bears Sgt. Philip Hoffman's name. Mrs. Jen Hoffman, Sgt. Hoffman, and Acting DPS Director Peter Lyskowski listen.

Colonel Ron Repleglo congratulated Sgt. Hoffman saying, "He exhibited the core values in everything he did that day. Thank you." The colonel also thanked Mrs. Hoffman for her support throughout Sgt. Hoffman's career, "Jen, thank you for being behind him every step of the way."

Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, also congratulated Sgt. Hoffman and noted, "The quality of officer we have at these properties and the work that gets done

in the Gaming Division is incredible. This was a bad guy that needed to be stopped."

"The road trooper never leaves us," said Captain Christopher Jolly, Q/GD. "I'll be able to use this as an example to other officers in the division and those coming in regarding how to conduct a stop when you need to."

Congratulations, Sgt. Hoffman!

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date June 30, 2015	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2013 Traffic Fatalities	2014 Traffic Fatalities
367	343	+24	757	766

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

New Employees



Darin J. Braun
CIT Trainee
Q/ICTD



Katrina A. Brinkley
Lab. Evidence Tech. I
Q/CLD



Terry R. Kirtley
Bldg. & Grounds
Maint. II
Troop H



Julie I. Knodell
Clerk Typist III
Troop E



Randy E. Knox Sr.
DE I
Troop A



Kathleen J. Koch
DE I
Troop A



Michael R. Loesch
Bldg. & Grounds
Maint. I
Q/TND



Robert MacKenzie
Research Analyst I
Q/RDD



Whitney J. Miller
DE I
Troop A



Stacey A. Rucker
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop H



Timothy A. Shawhan
Bldg. & Grounds
Maint. I
Troop D

Something Just Didn't Seem Right

By Cpl. Juston R. Wheetley, Troop C

April 1, 2015, began as a typical Wednesday night in the Ste. Genevieve and Perry counties zone in the lower part of Troop C. Trooper Kyle E. Alcorn and his field training officer, Sgt. W. Brad Sevier, were patrolling and decided to set up along Interstate 55 to observe late night traffic. A little before midnight, Tpr. Alcorn and Sgt. Sevier observed a new Chevrolet Tahoe traveling northbound on Interstate 55 at 80 mph.

"We both said something just doesn't seem right about that vehicle, so we decided to stop it for the traffic violation," said Tpr. Alcorn.

The Chevrolet pulled onto shoulder of Interstate 55 near the 153.6-mile marker. The vehicle stopped for a brief

moment then accelerated at a high rate of speed, traveling northbound on Interstate 55. A pursuit ensued and at times reached speeds in excess of 115 mph. Thanks to the aid of a tire deflation device, deployed by the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Department, the pursuit was quickly brought to an end. The vehicle came to a stop in the outside lane of Interstate 55 and four occupants were taken into custody. Tpr. Alcorn and Sgt. Sevier could smell the strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the suspect's vehicle as they processed the scene.

"We searched the vehicle and located a black and blue bag and a brown bag, both containing men's clothing," said Tpr. Alcorn, "Underneath the men's clothing we found

a total of seven large, zip lock bags containing marijuana. That was exciting until we looked inside the women's suitcase and pulled out 16 large, zip lock bags containing marijuana."

The vehicle stop yielded a grand total of 23 pounds of marijuana. This was the most marijuana found at one time by either Sgt. Sevier or Tpr. Alcorn.

"Finding this much marijuana this early in my career is exciting. It motivates me to keep improving and working harder," said Tpr. Alcorn. "Sgt. Sevier was instrumental in helping me with this. He was not only a calming presence being a seasoned officer, but he was there to bounce questions off to ensure I do the job right."

Class 8-700 PT Honors Tpr. Guthrie, K-9 Reed

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

On April 11, 2015, 12 members of the Blue River Police Academy, Class 8-700 PT, presented Mrs. Teresa Guthrie and her family with a plaque to honor and show their appreciation of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr.'s and K-9 Reed's police service and sacrifice. The academy class was moved by the news of the search and eventual recovery of Tpr. Guthrie and K-9 Reed in the flooded waters of Big Lake, in Holt County, Missouri.

Class 8-700 traveled in formation to the Guthrie residence and presented the family with a plaque which read, "In Honor of Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr., Patrol K9 Reed, August 1, 2011; Blue River Police Academy; Class 8-700 PT; 2014-2015." The class began their



(l) Tpr. Jack T. Thomas and (r) Tpr. Ethan N. Wilson, both Troop A, assisted members of the Blue River Police Academy Class 8-700 PT with their run and the presentation.

training in August 2014, and have since graduated on April 16, 2015, with over 760 hours of training through the Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, MO.

A member of the Blue River Police Academy Class 8-700 PT embraces Mrs. Teresa Guthrie.



Students Get A Glimpse Of Law Enforcement

By Tpr. Clinton S. Mason, Troop D

On April 14, 2015, 68 students participated in the third annual Troop D Student Alliance Program. The program is a three-day event held at the Carthage Technical Center, which is located on the campus of Carthage High School. Juniors and seniors from Webb City, MO, and Carthage, MO were joined by students from Crowder College Technical Center. The students attended programs designed to inform them of the basic functions of law enforcement and the different divisions of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The first day, Jasper County Sheriff's Department Detective Tim Williams with the Cyber Crimes Task Force spoke to the students about social media issues, smart phones, and the many ways criminals use technology to take advantage of people. Trooper John L. Mason, Troop D, presented an impaired driving presentation showing the students the dangers of impaired driving. Corporal Tom L. Hall, Troop D, explained how members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol combat drug trafficking with drug interdiction stops, and gave a canine demonstration. The students visited a patrol equipment and vehicle display that included a Chevrolet Tahoe, two Harley Davidson motorcycles, a marine operations pickup and boat, a Ford F-250, and two Dodge Chargers. The first day concluded with an informative presentation of the Gaming Division by Corporal Bill E. Oliver, Q/GD.

The second day started with Trooper Andy B. Ward's, Troop D presentation of the duties and responsibilities of the Dive Team. Sergeant Dan P. Wohnoutka, Q/AD, gave a program about the Highway Patrol Aircraft Division and speed enforcement utilizing aircraft. The Major Crash Investigation Unit showcased some of their abilities by mapping a crash scene and demonstrating equipment used in their investigation.

The last day began with a presentation about narcotics enforcement



Sgt. Bill Oliver, Q/GD, talks with the students about the Patrol's Gaming Division.

by Sergeant Travis W. Hitchcock, Q/DDCC. The Division of Drug and Crime Control showcased its abilities with a presentation and hands-on demonstration by Sergeant Roger Renken, Q/DDCC, and Sergeant Jamie L. Musche, Q/DDCC. The final program included a SWAT presentation and display of the unit's equipment and weapons. Upon graduating, the 68 students were presented with a certificate and a Missouri State Highway Patrol T-shirt.

The program is designed to give the students a broad overview of the diverse duties and responsibilities of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The students were attentive and asked many questions during the three-day event. While not every student will choose a career in law enforcement, these students will go through life with a better understanding of the many

responsibilities of law enforcement officers.

Special thanks to the following officers who helped make the third annual Troop D Student Alliance Program a success!

- Detective Tim Williams, Jasper County Sheriff's Department
- Trooper John L. Mason, Troop D
- Corporal Tom L. Hall, Troop D
- Sergeant Shannon W. Crouch, Troop D
- Sergeant Steven A. Donnell, Troop D
- Corporal Eddie J. Walker, Troop D
- Trooper Walter L. Burr, Troop D
- Trooper Rich A. Stewart, Troop D
- Commercial Vehicle Officer II Darin A. Jones, Troop D
- Sergeant Greg T. Curnes, Q/FOB
- Sergeant Scott R. Richardson, Q/FOB
- Corporal Bill E. Oliver, Q/GD
- Trooper Andy B. Ward, Troop D
- Sergeant Dan P. Wohnoutka, Q/AD
- Sergeant Travis W. Hitchcock, Q/DDCC
- Sergeant Roger L. Renken, Q/DDCC
- Sergeant Jamie L. Musche, Q/DDCC
- Detective Andy Pike, Newton County Sheriff's Department
- Detective Travis Spencer, Newton County Sheriff's Department



Students listen to a presentation about marine operations.

THE MASTERS' CORNER

The MASTERS 36th Annual Meeting was held on April 18, 2015, at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at Lake Ozark, MO. During this meeting, the following directors were elected to serve for 2015 – 2017: Retired Major Larry C. White, of St Louis, MO—president; Mr. Kevin Zoellner, of Jefferson City, MO—vice president; Dr. Michael Elders, of Cuba, MO—secretary; retired Captain Johnnie B. Hoggatt, St. Joseph, MO—treasurer. Over 300 members and guests attended the evening's banquet and Missouri State Highway Patrol Awards Ceremony.

In recent months, The MASTERS created the following plaques which were on display at the business meeting and also at the banquet later in the evening. The plaques will be placed in the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker, Memorial Safety & Education Center at the Patrol's General Headquarters.

- **Our Founders** – This plaque honors the founders of The MASTERS, Mr. Fred Weber Jr., of St. Louis; Mr. Tom Graham, of Jefferson City; Mr. John Fabick Sr., of St. Louis; and Mr. Christopher Graham, of Jefferson City. Mr. Christopher Graham attended the afternoon meeting, and the directors were pleased to present him with a duplicate of this plaque.

- **Patrol News article** – This plaque displays the *Patrol News* article from August 1979, written by Colonel Al Lubker telling of the origination of The MASTERS. Colonel Lubker, along with the above named founders, was very instrumental in the formation of The MASTERS.

- **Lifetime Membership** – This plaque is dedicated to the women and men who are Lifetime Members of The MASTERS.

- **The MASTERS Public Service Award** – This plaque honors the recipients of The MASTERS Public Service Award presented annually at the Patrol Awards Ceremony.

You are encouraged to stop by the museum when in Jefferson City, and view these plaques and the many interesting displays located there.



Mrs. Lynn Wallis (r) presents the 2014 The MASTERS Public Service Award to Lt. Jeff N. Vitale, Troop E.

We are eternally grateful to our many friends who have organized events which benefit The MASTERS in an especially generous manner. These special events include the J.P. Rosciglione Fundraiser in St. Charles, MO; the Michael Newton Toy Drive in Troop A; the Badge of Honor Run in Poplar Bluff, MO; Artisan Contracting Golf Tournament in Cape Girardeau, MO; the MSHP Annual Golf Tournament; "Roll for the Patrol" motorcycle

ride in St. Louis; Bloomsdale Excavating Charity Golf Tournament in Bloomsdale, MO; Gateway Buick GMC Charity of Choice in St. Louis; and Trooper Terry Bible, Troop D, who authored a book and donated sale proceeds to The MASTERS. These different entities accounted for more than \$39,000 for The MASTERS over the past year. Our sincere thanks to all of these generous individuals.

At The MASTERS Banquet and Patrol Awards Ceremony, the group was pleased to have Governor Jay Nixon in attendance to provide appropriate remarks and to honor Colonel Ron Replogle prior to his retirement.

Missouri Senator Doug Libla, 25th District, addressed the group as the keynote speaker. The Patrol presented many well deserved awards to Patrol employees for outstanding service to the citizens of Missouri. The 2014 The MASTERS Public Service Award was proudly presented to Lt. Jeff N. Vitale, Troop E. This presentation perfectly described Lieutenant Vitale as, "a selfless man of integrity, humility, humor, and intelligence."

The MASTERS recognized new Lifetime Members at the banquet. Present at the banquet were Kathy and Ralph Barnwell, of New Madrid, MO, and Katherine and Kurt Marquart, of Lee's Summit. New Lifetime Members unable to attend the banquet were Dr. and Mrs. Sanjeev Ravipudi, of Columbia, MO, and retired Sergeant and Mrs. Hubert Looney, of Florissant, MO.

Incoming The MASTERS President Larry White presented a gift to Mrs. Lynn Wallis in appreciation of her years of dedicated service as president of The MASTERS.

Thanks to all The MASTERS members for your unwavering support, you are the heart of this organization.

Promotions



J. Bret Johnson
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Q/SO



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Major
Q/TSB



Wallace V. Ahrens
Lieutenant
Troop F



Joe L. Armistead
Lieutenant
Q/PSD



Mike W. Watson
Lieutenant
Q/FOB



**No Photo
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Charles W. Hoff
Sergeant
Q/WPD



Terry M. James
Sergeant
Q/GD



Steven B. Johnson
Sergeant
Troop F



Ron D. Kyle
Sergeant
Troop F



Ryan S. Thompson
Sergeant
Troop F



Travis L. Williams
Sergeant
Troop H



Rob P. Dudeck
Corporal
Troop H



Diana P. Hutzler
Corporal
Troop F



Amy K. Johnson
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Q/DDCC



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Corporal
Troop I



Elisha A. Pape
Corporal
Troop C



Gerry L. West Jr.
Corporal
Troop F



Ryan A. Wood
Corporal
Troop A



Kelley S. Young
Corporal
Q/GD



Todd M. Cooper
Asst. Chief Oper.
Troop D



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Asst. Chief Oper.
Troop F



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CJIS Tech. III
Q/CJISD



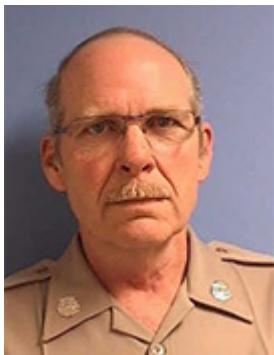
Heather J. Elder
CJIS Specialist II
Q/CJISD



Miranda L. Groves
Clerk Typist II
Troop D



Terri J. Harrison
DE II
Troop B



Tom J. Hearn
DE II
Troop A



Richard S. Hedge
DE II
Troop C



Jeffrey A. Hendrick
DE II
Troop D



Lindsey J. Holtmeyer
CITS II
Q/ICTD



Sarah N. Huffman
Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. II
Troop A



Curtis P. Jansen
Auto. Tech. III
Q/FFD



Carlos J. Lumpkins
DE II
Troop C



Kim K. Keys
DE II
Troop A



Michele J. Klebba
CJIS Tech. III
Q/CJISD



Kevin W. Mathes
Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. II
Troop A

Promotions



Monty L. McCracken
Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. Sprv.
Troop G



Sarah E. Mitchell
MVI II
Troop H



Bob L. Morgan
DE II
Troop D



Lauren N. Muschler
Clerk Typist II
Troop C



Logan J. Peters
CIT II
Q/ICTD



Nathaniel S. Saxby
CJIS Tech. II
Q/CJISD



Jennifer J. Sherlock
DE II
Troop A



Toni Smith
Criminalist II
Q/CLD



Nicole A. Stratman
DE Sprv.
Troop I



Thomas C. Tate
DE II
Troop C



Dawn M. Thompson
DE Sprv.
Troop C



Michael K. VerBrugge
DE Sprv.
Troop F



Joyce L. Wiegand
CJIS Tech. III
Q/CJISD

A Night To Remember

15 Patrol Employees Honored At Annual Banquet

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

In a change of pace, the annual awards banquet took place at the Country Club Hotel & Spa in Lake Ozark, MO. Hundreds of people gathered to honor 15 Patrol employees for their service and protection in 2014. It was a social affair, with members of The MASTERS, and Patrol employees and retirees swapping handshakes and stories. The Troop F Color Guard presented the colors with retired Chief Operator Roger M. Heard adding the sound of bagpipes. Alex J. Armstrong, son of Trooper Andy A. Armstrong, Troop F, sang the national anthem. Pastor Steve Martin, from Union Hill Church of Christ in Nixa, MO, provided the invocation and benediction.

Governor Jay Nixon was present and congratulated the honorees. He also offered his appreciation to The MASTERS for its support of the Patrol family. The governor took a few minutes to acknowledge the Patrol's

service and protection while Colonel Ron Replogle was at the helm. "On behalf of six million people, I want to say thank you to Ron and Cindy for your service to the people of Missouri. Thank you for your sacrifices and for your leadership."

Missouri Senator Doug Libla, member and past president of The MASTERS, served as the keynote speaker. He, too, took a moment to thank Col. and Mrs. Replogle, "You have been a credit to Missouri in how you've managed the Patrol. When I think of you, I think professional,

visionary, compassionate, leader, highest of credibility, mentor, true friend. I thank you for the service you've done for the state of Missouri."

Rather than reading a speech, he shared a video he helped create. The video told about Pastor Jamie and Mrs. Deborah Jones building the Divine Holiness Outreach Center in Catherinesville, MO. The center provides youth of all ages with a place to hang out, do homework, or get something to eat. Community support includes the school principal, local troopers, and community college, and continues to grow. Pastor Jones says the center gets kids off the streets and teaches them that, "no one owes them, they

Col. Ron Replogle presented the Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year award to Cpl. Carl W. Bone, Tp C, who was accompanied by his wife, Rebecca.

owe themselves. They can be whatever they want to be; can make it no matter where they came from."

Within the video several students spoke about how their vision of the future changed through contact with the center. One young lady expressed her belief that she was going to go to college and that she knew she could be successful thanks to her contact with the Divine Holiness Outreach Center.

The video also included information about the Bowden Center, located in Charleston, MO, which provides similar services to area youth. "We want youth not to be afraid of law enforcement," said the Bowden Center's Mr. Lester Gillespie.



The Troop F Color Guard and Ret. Chief Operator Roger Heard presented and retired the colors.

Banquet

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Lieutenant Roger Whittler and Sergeant Bob Parr both spend time at the Bowden Center and were seen in the video. "We want to let them know not to be afraid of those in blue with a badge. It's a career possibility. We also provide safety information and spend time with them. This is community policing," said Lt. Whittler.

After the video, Senator Libla told the audience that four of the counties he represents are the poorest in Missouri. "Pastor Jamie and Deborah are trying something new," said the senator. "Kids all over Caruthersville know they can get something to eat and that they will be safe at the center. It's amazing what they've done."

After the video and message of hope, The MASTERS recognized their newest lifetime members and presented The MASTERS Public Service award. Col. Ron Replogle presented the Lifesaving, Meritorious, Civilian of the Year, and Officer of the Year awards. Congratulations to all of the recipients!



Congratulations to the following employees who accepted awards at the annual Patrol Awards Ceremony & The MASTERS Banquet!

The MASTERS Public Service Award

Lieutenant Jeff N. Vitale, Troop E

Lifesaving Awards

Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor David O. Bagley, Troop A

Lieutenant Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A

Driver Examiner Supervisor Jennifer M. Whiting, Troop A

Trooper W. Shawn Lashmet, Troop D

Trooper Ryan W. Pace, Troop G

Trooper Brandon M. Parker, Troop A

Sergeant Mike P. Quilty, Troop H

Driver Examiner II Ms. Jurrell A. Vance, Troop A

Driver Examiner III Chichota R. Watson, Troop A

Meritorious Service Awards

Corporal Richie L. Ayers, Troop E

Trooper Jeff S. Leathers, Troop I

Driver Examiner Supervisor Tim Murphy, Troop A

Civilian Of The Year

Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I

Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year

Corporal Carl W. Bone, Troop C

Civilian of the Year Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I, accepts her award from Col. Ron Replogle.



Pictured are most of the awards recipients honored April 18, 2015.

Colonel J. Bret Johnson

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Oath Of Office

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On a beautiful May 1, 2015, friends, family members, and coworkers gathered at the Putnam County Courthouse to serve witness to Colonel J. Bret Johnson taking the oath of office for superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Before the ceremony, the room echoed with exclamations of greetings and congratulations. Captain Jimmie E. Wilt, Troop B, served as emcee for the occasion weaving humor and genuine respect throughout.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, and introductions, Sergeant Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B, provided a three-minute glimpse into the Patrol's 84-year history. The Honorable Gary Dial, 1st Circuit Court, adminis-

tered the oath to the Patrol's 22nd superintendent. Mrs. Cindy Johnson and their sons, Sergeant Steven B. Johnson and Mr. Shay Johnson, held the family Bible, which was opened to Matthew 5:9. Ms. Andrea Spillars, senior policy advisor to Governor Jay Nixon, presented the commissioning certificate to Colonel Johnson. Representative Nate Walker (3rd District) read a Missouri House of Representatives resolution recognizing the occasion.

Although formal ceremony was observed, the day was about connections. Judge Dial recounted how he'd become a young prosecutor in Scotland County fresh out of law school and right after that, a new trooper



Colonel J. Bret Johnson

moved to town. "Trooper (J. Bret) Johnson spent a lot of time in my office telling me how to do my job and I spent a lot of time telling him how to do his." That relationship grew into a friendship that has lasted decades.

Ms. Spillars congratulated Colonel Johnson and quipped, "I had the same experience as the judge, but I could never get a word in edgewise." She then made note that Colonel Johnson epitomizes the Patrol's core values, especially courage. "Having been in the trenches beside him for the past six years, he's the one I want by my side."

When Colonel Johnson spoke, he recognized a former sheriff he worked for, teachers he'd had in school, his field training officer, and his zone sergeant. He said the day was a, "vivid reminder of the upbringing I've had and experiences that have shaped my



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(l to r) Col. J. Bret Johnson recites the oath of office of superintendent. Sergeant Steven B. Johnson, Mrs. Cindy Johnson, Mr. Shay Johnson, and The Honorable Gary Dial are also pictured.

— Oath

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life.” He thanked his parents, who he said instilled a work ethic in him and his siblings. “Cows didn’t sleep in and neither did we,” he said. “Today’s equivalent is my sending texts and emails to my division directors and troop commanders at 0500. I hear they really enjoy that.”

He went on to say the Patrol must continue to be accountable, transparent, and honest in everything we do. “We owe the reputation we have today to the first troopers, our predecessors, and in particular, the 30 officers who have died in the line of duty.”

“To stay effective as a leader, we have to stay focused on our mission, but also on our people ... troopers, civilians, and the six million citizens of our state. I am honored to lead such an organization with such outstanding employees. Most of the work behind the scenes in Ferguson, MO, went unreported by the national media. But, I am so proud of the 257 employees who spent Thanksgiving in Ferguson; and the 800 troopers and support staff who were part of that detail.”

As each superintendent takes the helm, changes occur. Col. Johnson shared a few things he plans to implement in his new role. “Some of those changes include reorganization of recruiting efforts, marine responsibility overview, a new supervisory rank structure, residency requirements, risk assessment and management, and better use of social media to communicate the Patrol’s message.”

Col. Johnson said service and protection will remain the agency’s main focus. He closed his remarks by thanking Gov. Nixon and the Missouri Senate

for the opportunity to lead the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

“Thank you all. It’s a great day for me and my family. I thank God for the successes I’ve had in my life and ask him to watch over me.”



Ms. Andrea Spillars, senior policy advisor to Governor Jay Nixon, presented the commissioning certificate to Colonel J. Bret Johnson.



Col. J. Bret Johnson speaks to those present at the ceremony.



Effective May 1, the Patrol’s command staff includes (l to r): Major Malik A. Henderson, Q/ASB; Major Kemp A. Shoun, Q/ESB; Major Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/TSB; Col. J. Bret Johnson; Lt. Col. Sandra K. Karsten, Q/ASO; Major Greg D. Kindle, Q/SSB; Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB; and Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB.

‘Looking Beyond The Stop’

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of February 22 to April 16, 2015. (Editor’s note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and “plain sight” situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the “miscellaneous” section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.N. Comer, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.W. Dick Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 5 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.S. Gates, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Gray, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 5 arrests
Cpl. C.S. Kutzner, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.A. Lusk, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 6 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Sgt. B.G. Parrott, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Perez, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 2 arrests
Sgt. G.D. Prim, 7 arrests
Tpr. E.C. Rodenberg, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.R. Sanson, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.G. Sims, 1 arrest*
CVO R.R. Fichtner, 1 assist*

Tpr. H.R. Stevens, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 4 arrests
Sgt. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.R. Wright, 4 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 4 arrests

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.F. Brown, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 4 arrests
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Fish, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 10 arrests

Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 3 arrests
Tpr. K. McGivney, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 2 arrests
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.F. Sapp, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest

Troop C

Tpr. K.E. Alcorn, 6 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 2 arrests
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.H. Elliston, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Gadberry, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.C. Highley, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Hilliard, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Hurt, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Hutchings, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.A. Jackson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.M. Kasput, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.W. March, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 4 arrests
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Williams, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. M.D. Adams, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Coffey, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 7 arrests
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Krehbiel, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 6 arrests
Tpr. J.B. May, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.R. Sanders, 1 arrest
Tpr. A. Sandoval Jr., 1 arrest

Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 4 arrests
Sgt. C.A. Stuart, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. M.R. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest
Cpl. P.C. Hazelwood, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.M. Heath Jr., 1 arrest
Cpl. R.D. Owens, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Palmer, 4 arrests
Sgt. R.J. Sanders, 2 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.K. Talbert, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.J. West, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 3 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.J. Blankenbeker, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.M. Campbell, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.H. Crafton, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 1 arrest
Sgt. B.J. Drummond, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.R. Enderle, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 10 arrests
Tpr. G.E. Gundy, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.W. Harlan, 2 arrests
Cpl. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 8 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 3 arrests
Cpl. R.S. Miller, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.J. North, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.R. Plumley Jr., 1 arrest
Cpl. D.R. Powell, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 1 arrest

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Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 6 arrests

Troop G

Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 4 arrests
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Kuessner, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 6 arrests
Sgt. D.B. Pounds, 2 arrests
Cpl. T.A. Richardson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.E. Rogers, 2 arrests

Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 4 arrests
Cpl. J.E. Christensen, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 3 arrests
Cpl. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest

Tpr. J.E. Hainey, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.R. McConkey, 1 arrest
Sgt. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.D. Pond, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 1 arrest

Troop I

Cpl. K.A. Brackett, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest
Tpr. I.A. Cox, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 4 arrests
Cpl. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrests
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 4 arrests
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.W. Tierney, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 1 arrest

GHQ

Sgt. D.F. Blankenship, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.B. Lairmore, 1 arrest

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

May 1970 – The front cover included pictures of the new Academy being built. The centerfold highlighted Troop A with a picture layout. Sgt. L.L. Murphy shared a story about being approached while on stationary observation. A man asked him to help recover some stolen property. Sgt. Murphy's investigation led to the discovery that the stolen property was women's clothing belonging to the man's wife. When Sgt. Murphy inquired as to the presence of the man's wife, he was told, "Oh, he stole her, too."

40 years ago

June 1975 – The new Troop E Headquarters was featured with a picture layout. Gov. Christopher S. Bond dedicated the new building. A tornado struck Newton County on April 24, 1975. The front cover and a couple of stories in this issue explained the damage the tornado left behind.

35 years ago

May 1980 – Troop E accepted a new 1980 Cessna Skylane from Industrial Aviation in Jefferson City. The new plane replaced the troop's 1975 model. Sergeant L.O. Enderle and Trooper K.R. Ledbetter were the pilots assigned to Troop E at that time. One article told how a 19-year-old woman was run over by a truck while camping at the J. Thad Ray Wildlife Area. The truck drove over her left leg and shoulder before backing up and leaving the scene. She was treated at a local hospital.

30 years ago

June 1985 – Senior Forensic Chemist Afton L. Ware accepted the State Employee of the Month Award from Governor John Ashcroft. Mr. Ware was recognized for his dedication. He was the first employee of the Highway Patrol Laboratory. At the time of the award, there were 17 employees working in the laboratory. The centerfold highlighted the new, recently validated trooper selection process. Applicants were seen in pictures as they performed the shuttle run, standing long jump, side step, vision test, arm strength test, and shoulder strength test.

10 years ago

May/June 2005 – Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian was on the cover. Tpr. Tatoian gave his life in the line of duty on April 20, 2005. He was the 25th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to make the ultimate sacrifice.

“Genuinely care for others. Show you care. Respect the dignity of every person and every role. Treat everyone with respect, especially those who can't do anything for you. Show kindness in the little things. Don't fake caring. Don't attempt to be 'efficient' with people.”

— *Stephen M.R. Covey, The Speed of Trust*

Dr. Smith: Take Time To Listen

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Patrol employees had an opportunity to hear Dr. Bobby Smith speak at the Academy on April 28, 2015. Dr. Smith's presentation, "The Will to Survive: Dealing with the Aftermath of Trauma," was the story of his experience after being shot at point blank range and blinded by a violent drug offender while serving as a law enforcement officer in Louisiana in 1986. Dr. Smith's presentation was in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources in-service training. He is the author of three books and is a nationally recognized law enforcement speaker.

As Dr. Smith related his personal experience, he also stressed to those present the importance of taking time to listen. He asked the group, "Do you get so caught up in your paperwork that you forget there are people out

Dr. Bobby Smith speaks to Department of Natural Resources and Patrol employees at the Academy.

there who need to talk to you?" He said that whenever anyone asks if you have a minute or steps into your office, it's important to assess the situation and be sure you're listening. He stressed the importance of family and asked the group, "Are you too busy complaining about what you don't have to appreciate what you do have?"

Throughout his presentation, Dr. Smith wove his dry sense of humor, and provided a perspective shift to those who were *listening*. He told



those in the room that they shouldn't be married to the job and said, "If your spouse isn't your best friend, you're screwing up."

Sergeants Answer BOGO Advertising

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

When looking for the best deals at a supermarket or clothing store, a buy one get one free sign or "BOGO" ad in the paper gets your attention. During a midnight shift on Interstate 70, as Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis and Sergeant Greg D. Primm, Troop A, were observing eastbound traffic in Lafayette County, two Camaros passed by their location. It is unusual to see two vehicles of the same make and model closely together. The second Camaro was following the first one too closely to be safe and neither driver looked at the patrol car. The safety concern and drivers' unusual behavior resulted in the troopers deciding to take a closer look.

Sgt. Primm conducted a stop on the black Camaro, which slowed and

took a longer than normal time to stop on the shoulder. From the initial contact with the two occupants, Sgt. Primm began noticing inconsistencies and nervous behavior, which continued to increase his suspicion they were involved in criminal activity. Though denying they were traveling with the other Camaro, Sgt. Primm did not believe them. He overheard Sgt. McGinnis stopping the blue Camaro in Saline County.

Sgt. Primm conducted a consent search revealing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. After arresting the occupants for possession of a controlled substance, Sgt. Primm contacted Sgt. McGinnis and learned the occupants of the second vehicle had been arrested after he discovered over

one pound of methamphetamine under the center console.

Both 1995 Chevrolet Camaros were towed to a safer area to continue the investigation and to continue the vehicle searches. Sgt. Primm observed methamphetamine scattered about the driver's side floorboard and located a torn plastic bag under the center console, in the same location Sgt. McGinnis located the one pound he had seized from the blue Camaro. The two occupants of the black Camaro and the occupants of the blue Camaro were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transported to jail.

Seems Sgt. McGinnis and Sgt. Primm saw and answered the "BOGO ad" for these seizures.

Anniversaries

June

30 years

DE Sprv. Gina B. Kroeger,
Troop C

20 years

Chief Oper. Michele L. Edson,
Troop A
Sgt. J. Erik Eidson, Q/DDCC

15 years

Photographer Brenda J. Campbell,
Q/PIED
CVE Sprv. I Joe T. Garland,
Troop D
Fis. & Budg. Analyst III Jana M.
Vandegriff, Q/BPD

5 years

CJISD Tech. III Tiffany M.
Garnett, Q/CJIS
Crim. III Lindsay M. Lambert,
Q/CLD
DE III Larry D. Meyers, Troop H
CIT III David F. Akrobetu,
Q/ICTD

July

35 years

Major Greg D Kindle, Q/SSB

25 years

Cpl. Monty D. Atkins, Q/GD
Sgt. Steve M. Bielawski, Troop C
Cpl. Darren S. Call, Troop D
Sgt. Brenda L. Cone, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Eric A. Cooper, Troop G
Sgt. William T. Cooper Jr.,
Q/DDCC
Sgt. John A. Cyrus, Troop D
Sgt. Christopher L. Drenon,
Troop A
Sgt. Kevin L. Fender, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Rod J. Helfers, Troop H
Capt. Mark G. Inman,
Troop G
Lt. Julie A. Kerr, Q/HRD
Cpl. Kevin E. Linear, Troop B
Sgt. Brad S. Lively, Troop E
Sgt. Greg P. Martin, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Mark P. McClendon,
Q/DDCC
Cpl. Ron V. Meade, Q/GD
Sgt. C. Clay Meyer, Troop D
Lt. Scott E. Meyer, Troop H

Lt. Ron J. Miesner, Troop C
Capt. Eric T. Olson, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Bruce L. Reinkemeyer,
Troop F
Lt. Paul J. Reinsch, Q/PIED
Capt. Vince S. Rice, Q/TND
Sgt. G. Frank Riley Jr., Troop B
Sgt. Dave L. Schwalm, Troop A
Sgt. Scott W. Simmons, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Greg D. Smith, Troop D
Sgt. M. Darrin Tackett, Troop E
Sgt. Jeff H. Thompson, Troop H
Sgt. Chris W. Watson, Q/GD
Sgt. Curtis W. Wirths, Q/DDCC

20 years

Lt. Brian N Anderson, Troop B
Tpr. Rich L. Anderson, Troop D
Cpl. Rod L. Calvert, Troop C
Sgt. Jeff T. Fitzgerald, Q/GD
MVI Sprv. Eric W. Gibson,
Troop D
Cpl. Tom L. Hall, Troop D
Tpr. Greg A. Hansen, Q/GD
Sgt. Kevin J. Hunter, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Dave L. Johnston, Troop E
Cpl. Shane M. Kaden, Troop C
Capt. Paul D. Kerperin, Q/PRD
Tpr. Dan A. Landi, Troop H
Sgt. Bill W. Lowe, Troop A
Cpl. John H. Lueckenhoff,
Troop D
Capt. Lance M. MacLaughlin,
Q/BPD
Tpr. Mory C. McKnight, Troop D
Cpl. Bruce A. McLaughlin,
Troop F
Cpl. R. Scott Miller, Troop F
Cpl. S. Matt Patterson, Troop D
Tpr. S. Price Richardson,
Troop D
Sgt. Ken M. Robinson, Q/TND
Lt. Shawn R. Satterfield, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Russell A. Seaton, Q/GD
Cpl. Roger A. Sherman,
Troop H
Cpl. Jeff D. Spire, Troop A
Sgt. Cort A. Stuart, Troop D
Lt. Andy O. Tourney, Q/GD
Sgt. Brian W. Vernon, Q/GD
Tpr. Dominick J. Walker,
Troop B
Sgt. Thad M. Wilson, Q/GSD

Tpr. Marty L. Wiseman,
Troop G

15 years

Telecom. Lasandra D. Quint,
Troop D
Criminalist III Darian B. Stinson,
Q/CLD
Chief Oper. Mike D. Weiseman,
Troop B

10 years

Auto. Tech. III Travis S. Bauer,
Q/FFD
CJISD Tech. II Elisha M. Carlock,
Q/CJIS
DE III L. Ann Brentano, Troop A
MVI I Randy W. Grant, Troop E
CITS III Lori M. Libbert, Q/ICTD

5 years

Tpr. Matt T. Angrisani, Troop C
Tpr. Marc R. Ashby, Troop E
Tpr. Kelly A. Barnett, Troop E
Tpr. Derek B. Blankenship,
Troop D
Tpr. Robert B. Botfield, Troop C
Tpr. Bill Cole, Troop A
Tpr. Craig A. Cook, Troop E
Tpr. Jerod J. Crump, Troop A
Tpr. Liere R. Dancy, Troop A
Tpr. Blake R. DeHaan, Troop A
Tpr. Stephanie R. Eaton, Troop A
Tpr. Jonny D. Fariole, Troop I
Tpr. Spencer D. Galaska, Troop A
Tpr. Philip B. Grubaugh, Troop B
Tpr. Matt J. Hanrahan, Troop A
Tpr. T. Kirk Hendershott, Troop B
Tpr. John R. Henry, Troop B
Tpr. Jeff W. Huff, Troop A
Tpr. Jason M. Hurt, Troop C
Tpr. David A. Jones, Troop A
Tpr. Zach C. Kral, Troop C
Tpr. Brian C. Lawler, Q/GD
Tpr. Adam J. Michels, Troop C
Tpr. Morgan B. Patterson,
Troop F
Tpr. Brian R. Peters, Troop A
Tpr. Scott T. Ronald, Q/GD
Tpr. Kyle A. Schrage, Troop F
Tpr. Dan D. Wohler, Troop A
Asst. Dir. Steven C White,
Q/ICTD

Friends, Family, & Colleagues Bid Colonel Replogle Farewell

21st Superintendent Retires After 31-Year Career

Compiled By Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retired May 1, 2015 after a 31-year career. A reception on April 29 filled the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy with friends, colleagues, and family. Enjoy the reception photos and congratulations quotes in this layout. (His retirement article appears in the retirement section of this issue.)

"Ron, you have served the Missouri State Highway Patrol faithfully for many years! I believe faithful servants never truly retire. You may be retiring from a career, but you will never retire from serving God. As you close the door at the Patrol, take a deep breath and step across the threshold to your next adventure! May the Lord go with you and Cindy to bless and keep you!"

— Christy Schnieders, friend

Dear Ronnie (Cowhead): Congratulations on an outstanding and successful career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. You have made me and all fellow Marshfield-ians very proud watching your outstanding leadership and dedication over the past years. I have always respected and looked up to you, even though I am older and taller than you. You are a man of faith, family, and integrity. Also, you are probably the second best athlete ever to come out of Marshfield, since I obviously was the best. But, what I remember the most is your friendship, fond memories, and all of the ballgames with you and the Replogle family. In closing, I want to wish you and your family the very best and happy retirement!

Sincerely, Mr. Eric Hall, friend



The Academy gym swelled with colleagues, friends, and family wanting to wish the Replogles a fond farewell.

"Dad, I just want to say congratulations! You have been a highway patrolman for my entire life, and I know your career has been something that has shaped the majority of your life for over three decades. The older I get the greater understanding I have for what you have accomplished, and I come to a greater appreciation for how you have accomplished it. I couldn't be more proud of you for who you are as a highway patrolman and as a dad. Enjoy retirement and being a grandpa!"

— 2nd Lt. Adam Replogle, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines

Colonel Replogle, you were the right man at the right place at the right time. Some might consider that a chance appointment. I do not. Your leadership of the Patrol through the events of the past five years has served the citizens of Missouri very well and raised the bar for law enforcement throughout the nation. Though this chapter in your life is closed, the book is not yet complete. Your "race" is not finished. Godspeed!

— Mr. Greg Meeker, friend



Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, served as emcee.

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"I wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud of you we are. I know there is nothing you would appreciate more than an Abraham Lincoln quote. So, here you go: 'Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.' You have passed that test well, both as colonel and as Dad. I know you will as Grandpa, too."

— Rev. Chase Replogle



Rev. Chase Replogle provided the benediction at Col. Ron Replogle's retirement celebration.

Colonel Replogle,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and Cindy the very best in your retirement. May God bless this new chapter in your life.

— Captain Jimmie E. Wilt, Troop B.

"Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement and a future that is full of pleasurable memories with your family and friends."

— Mr. Tim Schrieders, friend and member of Colonel Replogle's Fan Club

Congratulations and best wishes to you, Ron and Cindy! Our church family and I here at First Assembly love and appreciate you very much. Your friendship and partnership over the past 18 years have been precious to us. Thanks for being servant leaders, wonderful Christians, and loyal friends and family. May the Lord bless you with much joy during this next season of your lives.

— Pastor Lowell Perkins,
First Assembly of God,
Jefferson City.



Governor Jay Nixon (r) was present to extend his congratulations and present Col. Ron Replogle's retirement

"I remember standing at my parent's sink washing dishes with Ron in 1980. It was late in the evening and he was getting ready to go back to college at University of Missouri-Rolla. He chose UMR because of a football scholarship. Although he enjoyed the school, he knew engineering was not the career path he really wanted. Standing there as he was about to leave, I asked him, 'What have you **ALWAYS** wanted to do?' He responded, 'Be a Highway Patrolman.' I looked at him and said, 'Then, go for it!' So, he did. I had no idea what a life-changing conversation that would be.

In the last 31 years, he has never looked back. I wish everyone could be as blessed as he has been to work for an organization that he loves so much. It has not been a job, it has been our life. Now, as that chapter of our life is closing and we move into the next, I am so thankful that we had that conversation so many years ago. We will always be proud to be a part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol family. Thanks, MSHP. It has been a good ride!"

— Mrs. Cindy Replogle



"Is this a good reason to retire or what?" asked Col. Ron Replogle after reaching the podium while holding his grandson, Will.

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I would like to congratulate Ron and Cindy on Ron's retirement. I have known Ron for many years and have always appreciated his dedication to the Patrol. I witnessed his strong work ethic as a sergeant, lieutenant, and captain, and had the privilege of promoting him to major as part of my staff. He served the Patrol with distinction for five years as colonel in many stressful situations. Knowing Ron, I am sure his faith and character helped him through many difficult times. I know that after a few weeks of retirement and playing with the grandson, it will be hard to keep that smile off his face. Ron, God bless you and your family. Enjoy retirement, you deserve it.

— Retired Colonel James F. Keathley

"I have had the pleasure of working directly with you since 2002, when you were gracious enough to let me serve as one of your assistant directors. You helped mold my career path and for that, I will be forever grateful."

— Major Luke Vislay, Q/CLB

"Col. Replogle's positive influence has extended far outside the borders of Missouri. Ron's patience and kindness have guided me and several of my law enforcement colleagues here in Ron's adopted home state of South Dakota. We are a better state for knowing Ron and wish him the very best. Now that he has more time, we look forward to seeing more of him during South Dakota's pheasant season (even if it means he has to bring Luke). :)

— Trevor Jones,
South Dakota, friend

Colonel Ron Replogle's Journey

Appointed — January 1, 1984, 56th Recruit Class

Academy Graduation — May 11, 1984

First Assignment — Trooper, Troop D, Neosho, MO

Corporal — June 1, 1990, assistant zone supervisor, Branson, MO

Sergeant — September 1, 1992, zone supervisor, Marshfield, MO

Criminal Investigator/Polygraph Examiner — July 1, 1994, Division of Drug and Crime Control — Troop D Unit

National Training Center of Polygraph Science — October 1994. Earned "Green Hippo" Award for being top polygraphist in his class.

Lieutenant — December 1, 1996, Professional Standards Division (assistant director)

Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command — Graduated May 1999

DDCC assistant director — October 1, 1999

Captain — September 1, 2001, Division of Drug and Crime Control (director)

Major — September 1, 2006, Criminal Investigation Bureau (commander); command oversight for Crime Laboratory Division, Division of Drug and Crime Control, Gaming Division, Governor's Security Division, Missouri Information Analysis Center

Anti-Defamation League Advance Training School — September 1, 2009; allowed him to travel to Tel Aviv, Israel, for the National Counter-Terrorism Seminar

Appointed 21st Superintendent — March 1, 2010

Memberships/Boards:

- Agricultural Crimes Task Force
- American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Executive Board Member
- American Association of State Troopers
- Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Executive Board Chair 2005
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Counter-Terrorism Executive Board Member
- Heart of America Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory Board Member



Ret. Col. Roger Stottlemyre, Ret. Col. Jim Keathley, and Mr. Doug Mitchell presented Col. Ron Replogle with a year's membership in The MASTERS at the celebration.



Col. Ron Replogle and his wife, Cindy, heard friends and colleagues express their appreciation.

- Highway Safety Committee
- Homeland Security Advisory Council
- International Association of Chiefs of Police State and Provincial Police Division Executive Board Member
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board Member, Kansas City and St. Louis Division
- Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board Member/Board Chair
- Missouri Association of Public Employees Retirement Systems
- Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety



Special Agents Kristina Schmidt and Chuck Green (U.S. Secret Service St. Louis office and Kansas City office, respectively) were at the retirement gathering to recognize Col. Ron Replogle.

Retirement

Colonel Ron Reogle



Colonel Ron Reogle described himself as “green as a gourd” and someone who had “led a sheltered life” before he began Academy training. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked as an apprentice in the book bindery in the Gospel Publishing House at the Assembly of God Headquarters. Green or not, he was accepted into the Academy on his first attempt.

His first day at the Law Enforcement Academy was January 2, 1984. “That first day was cold, cold, cold,” he said. “December had experienced some subzero weather and there was still snow on the ground.”

The 56th Recruit Class formed with 26 recruits and graduated 21. A total of eight recruits dropped out of training. (Three replacements were called from a list of alternates when the first three left training. This practice is not followed today.) The class being smaller led to a lot of great friendships.

“We had a great class and were close-knit. A lot of great friendships for the last 31 years.”

He said two of his classmates were killed in the line of duty—Corporal Michael E. Webster and Sgt. Robert A. Guilliams. “Those two guys were good friends; it was a tough thing to go through.”

He said Sergeant E. Lee Porter (retired) would “march” the recruits. “Lee used to march us in formation, and a dog up on the hill would bark its head off. Lee would tell us the dog didn’t bark at any other recruit class. He’d say, “Even he knows you guys don’t know how to march.”

Col. Reogle was first assigned to Troop D, Zone 7, Neosho, MO. It was a busy zone: He worked 120 crashes a year for the four years he was assigned there. The Reogle’s son, Chase, was born while they were stationed there.

He would transfer to Springfield, MO, in 1988, before being promoted to corporal in Branson in 1990. “I worked there three months and Adam was born,” he said. “We had the house for sale and had found a home north of Branson. Then, a new zone was created in Christian County and I transferred there, which allowed us to stay in Springfield, and Cindy to keep her job.” He would transfer as a corporal once more, to Zone 1 back in Springfield.

In 1992, he was promoted to sergeant and became zone supervisor of the Webster County zone when Sergeant Jerry Lasater retired. “Jerry is responsible for me being on the Patrol,” said the colonel. “He was the zone sergeant when I was in high school; his daughter was in my class. He was a role model and he talked to me about a career with the Patrol. I got promoted into his position and went back to Marshfield. We lived within a half mile of my parents and had built-in babysitters.”

“Being home was good and bad,” said Col. Reogle. “I knew a lot of people. It was not fun to take enforcement action on people I knew. I worked a fatal accident involving a classmate’s mother. I also arrested some relatives (not closely related ones). But, it was good to be back home.”

When he took the polygraphist position with the Division of Drug and Crime Control, he was able to stay in Marshfield. He attended the first poly-

graph school hosted by the Patrol in 1994, and worked in that area for three years. The training was presented by the National Training Center of Polygraph Science out of New York City.

“It challenged me,” said Col. Reogle. “Polygraph is a very involved process, it really is an art and science. I learned a lot and enjoyed those years I was a polygraphist. They were busy years; there were a lot of cases. I can recall late spring 1995, we had seven or eight homicides in the area. I worked 20 days without a day off assisting other agencies across Troop D.”

In December 1996, he was promoted to lieutenant and became an assistant director in the Professional Standards Division. “That was a big transition for the family, moving to Jefferson City, and out of the area where I grew up,” said Col. Reogle.

He worked in the Professional Standards Division for almost three years, and feels that was a good place to start working at General Headquarters. “It gave me a good picture of how the Patrol operated,” the colonel said. “It wasn’t always fun to investigate cases, but when you brought cases before staff that was good experience. I learned a lot about internal discipline within the agency, which helped later in my career. I’m not so sure we shouldn’t require an internship in PSD for those in management.”

In October 1999, he became an assistant director of the Division of Drug and Crime Control under then-Captain Jim F. Keathley supervising the office function and Troop F DDCC Unit. He said he learned a lot working under Capt. Keathley.

“When Capt. Keathley was promoted to major, I was fortunate to be appointed by Colonel Stottlemire to captain of DDCC,” said Colonel Re-

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plogle. “Eleven days later September 11, 2001, occurred and a lot of changes came.”

As a result of the events of September 11, 2001, the Patrol increased security and assigned more officers to the Organized Crime Unit. Additional officers were assigned to the FBI’s joint terrorist task forces in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Personally, he was in his office on September 11, 2001. “It was a strange day. I was coaching my son’s fifth grade football team. We were supposed to practice that night, but I thought it would be better for the kids to be home, so I canceled practice. A year later we moved DDCC off the GHQ complex grounds to a location on Dix Road,” said Col. Replogle. “Within a two-month period, we moved both our home and office locations, as did the Vislays.”

While he was in DDCC, the case that sticks out the most was the murder of Sergeant C. Dewayne Graham Jr. in 2005. “That was a huge investigation for the Patrol and DDCC,” he said. “Road troopers and DDCC investigators were involved. I was down there nine days total during that investigation. To see that case put together, Lance Shockley arrested, and four years later he was convicted of first degree murder and given the death sentence, is indicative of the great work of all involved.”

The next step for Col. Replogle was a promotion to major. “When Major Keathley got appointed to colonel, I happened to be at GHQ for something. Lieutenant Colonel Coffey called me into the office and Colonel Keathley asked me to join his staff. That was in 2006. That was an honor and easy to accept.”

He served as the Criminal Investigation Bureau commander, and as a

member of the command staff. While he was the CIB commander, the Missouri Information Analysis Center became a stand-alone division. Being selected to go to Israel for nine days as part of a trip sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League provided a trip of a lifetime for the colonel. They received security briefings regarding Israel and visited a lot of holy sites.

“I have always felt it more special to stand in places where historical events happened,” said Col. Replogle. “To stand on the ground where Jesus walked is something I will never forget about the trip.”

“When Col. Keathley retired, they opened the position for applications. During that process, 11 were interviewed by the DPS director and deputy director. They narrowed the field to six, who were interviewed by the governor. I got a call asking for a second interview at the Governor’s Mansion, but then the governor came down the steps and told me I was his next colonel,” said Col. Replogle. “That was on February 4, 2010. I had to keep it under wraps until February 8. That night, I went out to eat to celebrate with Cindy. We went to a Chinese restaurant, and the fortune cookie said, ‘Something wonderful is going to happen to you today.’”

Being superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol has its challenges. “The two worst days were October 15, 2010, when Sergeant Joe Schuengel died in a helicopter crash, and August 1, 2011, when we lost Trooper Fred Guthrie. Those were tough days as an agency. It was particularly tough that Fred was missing for over five months. It was a very, very tough time for the family and the Patrol family. Those were my two worst days as superintendent.”

He spoke of other events occurring during his tenure. One topic was the detail that responded to Ferguson,

MO. He was very proud of the tremendous restraint shown by all of the Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers assigned to that detail. “There were a lot of things being yelled at them and thrown at them. We have some of it on tape.”

“I’m proud of our response in Ferguson,” said the colonel. “I’m not speaking negatively about other agencies or previous actions, but when we took over the security operations on August 14, we brought a sense of peace due to our past reputation of community service. I saw our troopers doing a lot of great things you didn’t see in the media. There were troopers putting up basketball nets, spending time with kids, talking with people, shaking hands—I saw a lot of positive things you didn’t see in the media. I’m very proud of our troopers and the response we had during the Ferguson civil unrest. We’ve been doing community policing since 1931 ... We may not have day-to-day contact with people in the larger cities, but certainly our officers do community policing every day.”

The merging of the Missouri State Water Patrol into the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 1, 2011, also took place while he was superintendent. “It took a lot of work from both agencies to make that a reality,” he said. “I think it’s made us a better agency, a stronger agency. You saw that in the response to Tpr. Guthrie’s drowning.”

There have been many technological advances during the colonel’s tenure. The new radio system was completed, and there is a new Records Management System and CAD program. Electronic ticketing also began during the last five years. “Technology has changed a lot in the last five years.”

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He is proud to have brought the IACP's Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) program to the Patrol. "We have now completed two training sessions in LPO and the plan is to send several employees to train the trainer sessions. We will then implement the program throughout the Patrol. The program looks at leadership in a different way and emphasizes the leadership traits in all employees. It treats leadership as an art and science. I wish I was going to be around to see it fully implemented."

An interesting observation is the change in the Patrol's Command Staff. "The only person still on command staff since I came on staff is Bret Johnson," said Col. Replogle. "I have literally reassigned or promoted everyone on the staff ... That is unusual."

Col. Replogle acknowledged there will be challenges for the incoming colonel and command staff. "One challenge staff always has and will continue to have is future recruiting and staying competitive in the market."

Col. Ron Replogle grew up in Marshfield, MO, as the youngest of five children. He met his wife, Cindy, who was a year behind him, in high school. "We started dating my senior year in high school. Got married young—it'll be 35 years in August," he said.

The colonel said originally he was looking at July or September for retirement, then an interesting thing happened when he went to an IACP conference in January 2015. "Cindy had a realtor come to tell us what we might need to spruce up before listing the house in May," said the colonel. "The realtor knew someone who'd be interested and asked to show it. The house sold without being listed." This prompted the Replogles to move up

his retirement plan. They bought a house in Ozark, MO, and will settle there after he retires. An added perk: Their new grandson, Will, is only 20 minutes away.

"My retirement plans started when my wife told me a year ago that being two hours away from a grand-baby is too far," he said. "My mother's declining health is another reason it will be good to get back south."

Right now, his retirement plans include his grandchild and helping his son, Adam, who is a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, move from Ft. Sill, OK, to Camp Lejeune, NC. "We bought a house with 10 acres, so I will have some work to do." He also hunts deer and turkey. The colonel enjoys bird hunting and has a dog he hunts with. He might also buy a boat and do some fishing ... he hopes with his grandson and "many more to come." He's ready for retirement, and although he doesn't have any plans for a second career, he might "do something down the road part time."

Colonel Replogle said he has enjoyed his career. "There is literally not a single day I didn't look forward to coming to work," he said. "There are a few days I wouldn't want to repeat."

"We have great employees. I knew being superintendent was a great job and would create a lot of interest. The amount of positive attention that position brought surprised me. That's a credit to our employees present and past who make our agency what it is. That's the easy part—representing our agency—because of all of our employees across the state. Seldom were there negative comments, either from the public or the legislature. Ninety-nine percent are positive regarding the great job our people do."

On May 1, 2015, Col. Ron Replogle retired after 31 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. We thank him

for his dedicated service to the people of Missouri, and wish him a long, relaxing retirement!

Sgt. Don R. Tyes



On March 1, 2015, Sergeant Don R. Tyes retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 34 years of service. Don was appointed to the Patrol on January 5, 1981, and upon graduation from the Patrol's academy was assigned to Troop H, Zone 6, serving Andrew and Buchanan counties.

While working diligently for the Patrol, Don also obtained a bachelor's of science degree in business administration from Missouri Western State University in St Joseph, MO, in 1990. Don went on to obtain his master's degree in business administration from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO, in 1996. Also in 1996, Don transferred from Troop H, Zone 6 to the Special Enforcement/ Drug Interdiction Team within Troop H. In 2000, Don returned to Troop H, Zone 6, where he served until 2003. In 2003, Don was selected for the evidence officer position in Troop H, where he was promoted to corporal in 2004, and sergeant in 2009. It is this position from which he retires.

Don has two daughters, Brooke Tyes, 29, and Shelby Tyes, 22. Don is an avid hunter and fisherman and plans to spend a great deal of his

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retirement pursuing big game, specifically elk, deer, and hogs. Don also enjoys riding his motorcycle and plans to log as many miles as possible. Don has spent his career at Troop H, and his robust laugh and warm personality will be missed greatly. We wish Don the absolute best in his retirement.

Chief Oper. Bill R. Brumble



On February 1, 2015, after providing 28 years of honorable service to the citizens of Missouri, Chief Operator Bill R. Brumble retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Bill began and ended his career in Troop I. He was hired as a radio operator on January 1, 1987; promoted to assistant chief in 1994; and then chief on April 1, 1999.

During his career, Bill was that secure voice of reason on the other end of the radio that assisted many troopers through some very tense and dangerous situations. Four officer involved shootings, the John David Brown manhunt (still the longest manhunt in the history of our state), the murder of Dent County Deputy Joann Barnes, the murders in Bunker, MO, and the floods of Pulaski County are a few examples. Bill was instrumental in assisting with the remodeling of the Troop I Communication Center on

two separate occasions, was assigned to the United States Olympic Festival in 1994, and assisted with or directly trained over 12 radio operators. Bill could always be counted on for a warm smile and enjoyed being the instigator of many practical jokes in and around troop headquarters.

Bill grew up and attended high school in Vienna, MO. Following his graduation in 1976, Bill worked as television repairman before enlisting in the United States Air Force and serving as a security police officer. He served our great country for four years and was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1980. After his enlistment, Bill attended Linn State Technical College, where he earned a degree in electronics technology. After graduating from Linn Tech in 1982, he worked as a television repairman. He became an officer with the Vienna Police Department in 1986, prior to joining the Patrol.

Bill married Marlene (Reeves), also a native of Vienna, and they have two sons, Sergeant Jason Brumble who's currently assigned as the evidence officer for Troop G, and Justin Brumble who's currently employed as a police officer in Walnut Grove.

According to Bill, his plans for retirement are to travel, spend time with his five grandchildren, and relax. When I asked Bill to give some comments about his career with the Patrol, he didn't cite any particular event, but instead made the following statement. "It was a true honor to serve with some of the most professional people that law enforcement has to offer, both uniformed and civilian. It was a great ride, and working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol was a great profession."

Every employee that was ever assigned to Troop I would say it was an honor working with Bill. Sgt. Cody Fulkerson related the following story about working with Bill, "As a new trooper in 1992, Bill was working a midnight shift with me and dispatched me to my first fatal crash. I was alone in

Dent County on a cool, October night and to be honest, I was a little nervous. Bill was the secure voice of reason that walked me through my first radio crash report involving a fatality. I will always remember Bill's words as I finished my report. In a calm and friendly manner he stated, '407, very good, KAA958.' Well, Chief Brumble, please allow me to say the same to you. Good job! Thank you for all that you've done for all of us here at Troop I. Now, go enjoy your well-deserved retirement."

All of the Troop I employees wish Bill a long, happy retirement.

Comm. Oper. III David C. Moyers



On March 1, 2015, Communications Operator III David C. Moyers, Troop H, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 21 years of dedicated service. Dave grew up in Sikeston, MO, the son of Corporal Melvin E. Moyers, who was assigned to the Troop E Sikeston Service Center. Dave graduated from Sikeston Senior High School in 1968, and attended Southeast Missouri State University until the fall 1970, when he enlisted in the United States Navy.

While serving in the Navy he obtained an associate's of applied science degree in electronics engineering technology in 1983, from Macomb

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County College in Warren, MI. Dave also obtained a bachelor's of general studies degree (business management) in 1990, from Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. After 24 years of service, Dave retired from the United States Navy as a chief petty officer and inflight technician/inflight communication operator on the Lockheed P-3 Orion patrol aircraft.

Dave began his career with the Patrol on December 1, 1993, when he was assigned to the Troop H Communications. During his career at Troop H, Dave was instrumental in the transition to the MOSWIN mobile communication system by facilitating

vehicle installation at Troop H and augmenting vehicle installations at the GHQ Radio Shop. He also augmented GHQ field engineers in installation of the new radio console at Troop H Headquarters. Dave provided professional, technical support along with routine console duties while serving in Troop H.

Dave has a passion for physical fitness and adheres to a dedicated workout routine of weight lifting and running up to 12 miles a week. He has continued his passion by competing in the 12-mile 2013 Tough Mudder event held in Topeka, KS, which benefited the Wounded Warrior Project. He enjoys backpacking with his dog "Baxter The Beagle" in the Colorado Rock-

ies, Missouri, and Arkansas, always knowing his location. Dave enjoys volunteering at the Fort Leavenworth VA Hospital in Fort Leavenworth, KS. His next adventure is with his brother, Mike, kayaking the Gulf Coast and beach camping in May 2015.

Dave is married to Beth and has four children and seven grandchildren. His family is a house divided, with youngest daughter, Kelly, graduating from Mizzou and oldest daughter, Joni, graduating from KU Law School the same weekend in May 2015. Dave is keeping busy completing home projects and babysitting grandchildren.

Congratulations, Dave! Enjoy your retirement!

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Bill W. Grant
DE III
Troop E

*Retired November 1, 2014.
21 years of dedicated service.*



Liz K. Cole
Housekeeper III
Troop H

*Retired February 1, 2015.
22 years, two months of dedicated service.*

D. Scott Reed
Sergeant
Q/GD

*Retired March 1, 2015.
29 years, six months of dedicated service.*



**Dwayne D.
Carver**
Chief Technician
Q/ICTD

*Retired April 1, 2015.
28 years, three months of dedicated service.*



Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Art T. Wilkins
CITS II
Q/ICTD

*Retired April 1, 2015.
34 years, 10 months of
dedicated service.*



**Scott M.
Cummings**
Corporal
Troop F

*Retired May 1, 2015.
27 years, 10 months of
dedicated service.*



Jan S. Kudlack
**Admin. Office
Support Asst.**
Troop I

*Retired May 1, 2015.
31 years, 11 months of
dedicated service.*



**Michael C.
Markley**
Chief Operator
Troop D

*Retired May 1, 2015.
27 years, seven months of
dedicated service.*



Tim J. Swartz
CVO Sprv. II
Troop A

*Retired May 1, 2015.
27 years of dedicated service.*



Jeff L. Wilson
Corporal
Q/GD

*Retired May 1, 2015.
26 years, 10 months of dedicated
service.*



Shell Recognized As Trainer Of The Year

By Chief Oper. Dawn M. Moore, Troop E

Comm. Oper. III Kendra L. Shell is the communications training coordinator for Troop E overseeing both initial and recurring operator training. She is an instructor with the Missouri Professional Training Partnership between the Patrol and the Missouri Chapter Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (MOAPCO). As such, she teaches 40-hour basic telecommunication courses and state certified continuing education courses within the southeast training region. Comm. Oper. III Shell has taught locally and at several conferences within Missouri and has done extensive research on several topics in order to create well organized source documents and presentations. She adapts her presentations to her audience and plays a vital role in teaching both Patrol operators and communications professionals from other agencies. Her experience and vast knowledge of communica-

Pictured (l to r) are Chief Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD & MOAPCO president, Comm. Oper. III Kendra Shell, Troop E, and Director Rance Duffy, Christian County Emergency Services and president of MONENA.

tions are invaluable to training and operations.

On March 31, MOAPCO and the Missouri Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (MONENA) representatives presented the 2015 George Major Trainer of the Year to Comm. Oper. III Shell at the Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference awards banquet and gala held at Union Station in St. Louis, MO. Chief Operator Dawn M. Moore and Lt. Jeffrey N. Vitale, both Troop E, as well as her husband, Bolinger County Sheriff Darin Shell,



and daughter, Brookelynn, attended to help celebrate this distinction. Comm. Oper. III Shell's exceptional performance and dedication to training public safety communications professionals throughout the state bring great credit upon herself and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

New CDL Testing Facility Opens

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On April 20, 2015, a newly constructed commercial driver's license supersite, located at 4725 Ready Mix Road in Hannibal, MO, opened. The new testing facility and lot will accommodate all driver's license testing, including commercial driver's license written and skills testing. The state-of-the-art 4,800 square foot main office building will also be used as a zone office for troopers assigned to Marion and Ralls counties. The facility has a 90,000 square foot concrete testing pad to provide sufficient space to conduct commercial driver's license and motorcycle skills testing, along with a commercial motor vehicle pre-test inspection building. Without a doubt, the new facility will provide easy access and an overall better quality testing environment for Missouri drivers.

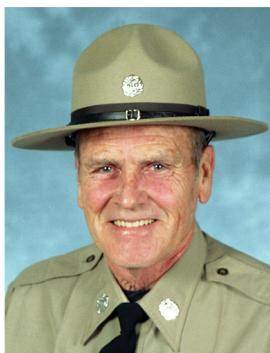
On May 29, 2015, an open house showcased another fine asset available to Missouri citizens. Many area citizens and local and state dignitaries attended the event.



These two photos show the newly opened Hannibal CDL Supersite.

Deaths

James R. Davidson



James Robert "J.R." Davidson, 72, of Marshfield, MO, died on Sunday, March 15, 2015, in Webco Manor Nursing Home, Marshfield. J.R. was a retired Air Force veteran and retired commercial vehicle enforcement inspector of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. J.R. later worked for Rost Ready Mix.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herschel Davidson; his mother, Thelma Melton; and a brother, Ronnie Melton.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Faye (Barnett) Davidson; three daughters, Cindy Stanley, of Republic, MO, Paula Mayfield (and her husband, Duane), of Elkland, MO, and Karen Rost (and her husband, Brian), of Marshfield; five grandchildren, Michael Stanley, Renee Wilson, Kyle Mayfield, Jordan Rost, and Hunter Rost; and two brothers, Jack Davis, of Jay, OK, and Tom Melton, of Springfield, MO.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at Fraker Funeral Home, in Marshfield. Burial was in the Seymour Masonic Cemetery, in Seymour, MO. The family indicated those who wish to make a memorial contribution may direct it to the Webster County Veterans Memorial Association in care of the funeral home.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Davidson family.

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Bryan K. Smith



Bryan Kent "B.K." Smith, 72, of Hollywood, FL, died on March 26, 2015, at his residence. He was born November 11, 1942, in Hannibal, MO, the son of Junior M. and Doris L. (McEwen) Smith. Bryan retired as a sergeant on September 1, 1996, after over 30 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He moved to South Florida from Delaware, OH, in 1999. Survivors include: his wife, Marsha "Marsy," of Hollywood; a son, Bryan Smith (and his wife, Pat), of Tulsa, OK; a daughter, Stacie Smith-Robinson (and her husband, Rob), of Macon, MO; stepdaughters Susan Ross (and her husband, Jason), of Uniontown, OH, and Amanda Kaiser (and her husband Kenny Maxwell), of Tokyo, Japan; grandchildren Kyrsten, Tyler, and Austin; great-granddaughter Ava; a brother, Mac Smith (and his wife, Jayne), of Cape Girardeau, MO; along with extended family and friends. Bryan was preceded in death by his parents.

The family directs memorials to The MASTERS, an organization that assists the children of Highway Patrol

officers killed in the line of duty. Visit <http://themastersmo.org> for more information.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Smith family.

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Kenneth L. Jones

Kenneth Lee Jones, of Jerome, MO, formerly of Rolla, MO, died on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the age of 78. He was born in Rolla on August 15, 1936, to the late Earl and Fern (Cox) Jones. In November 1958 he married Henrietta Klotz, who preceded him in death in December 2005. Kenny was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol where he worked as a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death one sister, Mary Falkenrath, and one grandson, Stuart Schumacher. He will be greatly missed by his surviving family, which includes three children: Vicki Schumacher (and her husband, Mark), of Houston, TX, Kirk Jones (and his wife, Mary Ann), of Springfield, MO, and Jill Delbero, of Rolla; one brother, Marvin Jones, of Carthage, MO; a sister, Lillian Jones, of Rolla; four grandchildren, Sally and Annie Schumacher, and Winston and Kirsten Delbero; nieces; nephews; other extended family members; and many dear friends.

A funeral service for Kenny Jones was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at the Null & Son Funeral Home in Rolla. Interment followed in Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The family indicated those who wish to make a

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Deaths

Jones

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memorial contribution do so to Peace Valley Ministry.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Jones family.

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July

July 3	● Independence Day observed.
July 4	● Independence Day
July 13	● Tpr. J.N. Greim died in 1945.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”

—John Quincy Adams

~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. Your love and support has made this difficult journey more bearable. I would also like to thank those involved with the gun raffle; the proceeds assisted me with my medical expenses. It has been a long road and the journey isn't over, but with the support you all have shown, I know I am not alone. I want to say thank you again, and I ask that everyone please keep me in your prayers.

Comm. Oper. I Jo M. Miller
Troop C

all those who attended the visitation and funeral. I am truly blessed to be a part of this organization. I am proud of the Troop I officers that completed the investigation of the crash, and made the notification to my brother-in-law. Although probably the worst part of our job, it is also probably the most important. The memories of that notification are everlasting, and the compassion and caring expressed are remembered forever.

*Sgt. Kevin W. Malugen & family
Q/FOB (Major Crash Investigation Unit)*

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, telephone calls, and acts of kindness during the loss of our brother and uncle, Arthur Davis. Your kindness is certainly appreciated.

*Ret. Capt. Siah Davis
Ret. Sr. Secretary Janet Giesler*

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Tpr. Valen F. Selsor (H) - grandfather
Sgt. Corey B. Root (H) - grandfather
Sgt. Kevin B. Miller (C) - wife
Sgt. Gary S. Horton (D) - grandmother
Sgt. Tim J. Hourihan (Q/GD) - mother-in-law
Ret. DE III Ken Fitzgerel - mother
Admin. Office Support Asst. Linda K. Klass (A) - mother-in-law
Criminalist III Emily N. Smelser (Q/CLD) - grandmother
Criminalist Sprv. Jeremy M. Jones (Q/CLD) - father
Spec. Asst. Kristi K. Newman (Q/FOB) - father
Comm. Oper. III Jennifer L. Patton (D) - mother-in-law
Ret. Sgt. Craig E. Berry - brother

Ret. Cpl. Ron C. Keck - stepdaughter
Tpr. Ryan T. Schneid (E) - grandmother
Auto. Tech. III Rich R. Pitnick (A) - grandmother
Ret. Sgt. Nelson L. Wallis (E) - mother
Ret. Capt. Siah T. Davis - brother
Sgt. Mike D. Lynch (E) - mother
Ret. CVO II Clayton Farr - brother
Tpr. G. Dan Oetting (A) - grandmother
Lt. Steve P. Davis (I) - nephew
Comm. Oper. III Kathy Simpson (H) - brother-in-law
DE Sprv. Karen R. Smith (C) - aunt
Sgt. Kevin W. Malugen (Q/FOB) - sister-in-law
Sgt. Cory W. Craig (Q/DDCC) - grandmother-in-law

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'Greater Love Hath No Man ...'

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Missourians gathered to honor and remember loved ones killed in the line of duty on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Each year, we remember their sacrifice, their service, and their spirit. Missouri's heroes were all sizes, colors, genders. While they were with us, we laughed and cried with them; we worked and relaxed with them. But, we didn't have enough time with them. They were gone too soon.

Lt. Bill D. Choate, Troop D, and Lt. Mike D. Hargus, Q/AD, escort Jennifer, Matt, and Will Sampietro to the memorial wreath to honor their husband/father, Cpl. Jay A. Sampietro Jr. (kod August 17, 2005).



Tpr. Brock A. Teague (l) and Tpr. Jason A. Ashby, both Troop C, escort Mrs. Freddie Franks, mother of Corporal Michael E. Webster (kod October 2, 1993).



A candlelight vigil takes place the Friday evening before the memorial service.



(l to r) Capt. Scott A. Shipers, Troop A, and Sgt. Matt B. Koch, Q/DDCC, escort the Trooper Fred F. (l to r) Guthrie family, Teresa, Dylan, and Amber, at the memorial service on May 2, 2015. Tpr. Taggart L. Holston escorted Mr. Fred (Sr.) and Mrs. Betty Guthrie (outside picture frame).